



# The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Of Michigan

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## RESOLUTION NO. 11-144

**WHEREAS**, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe organized under a Constitution and By-Laws ratified by the Tribe on November 4, 1986, pursuant to Public Law 99-346; and

**WHEREAS**, There is no resource more vital to the continued existence and future of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan ("Tribe") than our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901 *et. seq.* (1978) ("ICWA") was passed by the federal government in response to the overwhelming removal of Indian children from their families and Tribes by State social services agencies; and

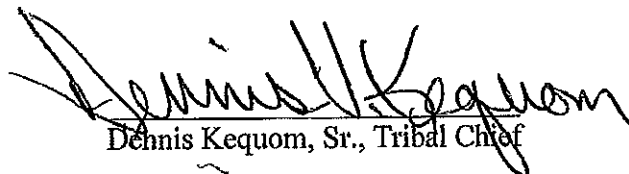
**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan's juvenile child proceedings statutes and court rules have never adequately incorporated ICWA into state law and practice, such that practitioners, judges, referees and other court personnel are often unfamiliar with ICWA and thus fail to follow its provisions when dealing with Indian children; and

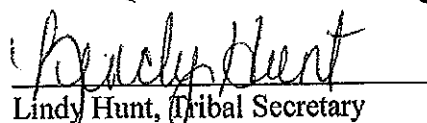
**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Indian Families Preservation Act ("MIFPA") has been drafted to clarify and heighten awareness of the ICWA in the state of Michigan, as well as provide additional instruction and explanation for the procedures and standards under ICWA.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribal Council supports the passage of MIFPA into State law.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council with a quorum being present during a Special Meeting on the 21st day of September, 2011 by a vote of 8 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

  
Dennis Kequom, Sr., Tribal Chief

  
Lindy Hunt, Tribal Secretary